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CHAPTER SEVEN

The West Port Murders, 1828–1829

It is often noted that Knox became involved in the West Port murders by chance, when on 29 November 1827 William Burke and William Hare, seeking Monro's dissecting-rooms, were directed instead to 10 Surgeons' Square by one of Knox's students, though even without this chance meeting they would probably have ended up dealing with Knox, who had the largest class and paid the best rates for the subjects he guaranteed his pupils.